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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 1998, a request for a three-month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered, without prejudice:

In the specification:

On page 7, in line 10, delete "Preferebly" and substitute -- Preferably-- therefor.